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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 18, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable NANCY E. BOYDA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Forty years ago, President Lyndon Johnson said: "This I do believe. The dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has not died with him. People who are white, people who are black, must and will now join together as never in the past to let all the forces of divisiveness know that America shall not be ruled by the bullet but only by the ballot of a free and just nation."

Lord our God, keep the dream of Dr. King alive in another generation of Americans. Bring an end to violence as the way to settle our differences and our difficulties.

May the gospel he preached and the message he brought to the world inspire all citizens, especially politicians and military, to become agents of reconciliation, nation building, and peace.

This we ask, calling upon Your holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 17, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington DC.

MADAM SPEAKER: Earlier today I informed Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal that I am resigning my position as United States Representative for the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana effective February 2, 2008.

I have been humbled to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives for the past 22 years. I want to thank all members for their friendship during this time and willingness to sacrifice to serve this great nation. In particular, I want to thank the Louisiana Congressional delegation for always keeping the best interests of our state as our highest priority.

I also want to thank President Bush, the U.S. Congress, and the American people for their generosity in Louisiana's most pressing time of need. The people of Louisiana are indeed grateful for the support of the nation in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricane season, and on their behalf I once again express our deep gratitude.

With warmest personal regards, I remain
Sincerely yours,

RICHARD H. BAKER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC January 17, 2008.

Hon. BOBBY JINDAL,
Governor, State of Louisiana,
Baton Rouge, LA.

DEAR GOVERNOR JINDAL: On January 15, 2008, I announced to the people of Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District my decision to accept an offer to serve as the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Managed Funds Association. I am hereby resigning my position as the United States Representative for the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana, effective February 2, 2008.

I count it a high privilege to have served the people of the Sixth District in the U.S. House of Representatives and to have worked with my colleagues in the Louisiana Congressional delegation to advance the interests of the great State of Louisiana. I want to wish you well as you begin your first term as governor and offer my support as your administration continues the work of building a better Louisiana for future generations.

With warmest personal regards, I remain
Sincerely yours,

RICHARD H. BAKER.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5051. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the annual report of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for Fiscal Year 2006, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. app. 1118; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5052. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved

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